

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1 - 22 remain in the application. Claims 1, 12 and 19 have been amended. Support for the amendment may be found in the specification, for example, on page 9, lines 25-28.

2. Claims 1-4 and 19-22 are patentable over the combination of Phillips (US 6,078,792) and Ford et al. (US 5,625,688, "Ford").

The combination of Phillips and Ford does not disclose or suggest a housing having a bottom shell that includes a unitary keypad interface sealed to the bottom shell with conductive areas that interface with contacts on the telephone circuitry, as recited by claims 1 and 19.

At least for these reasons, Applicants submit that independent claims 1 and 19, and dependent claims 2-4 and 20-22 are not anticipated by Phillips.

3. Claim 5 is patentable over the combination of Phillips and Ford in view of Nothnagel et al. (US 4,397,035 "Nothnagel").

Claim 5 depends from claim 1. Nothnagel, like Phillips and Ford, fails to disclose a bottom shell with a unitary keypad interface as described by claim 1. Therefore the combination of Phillips, Ford, and Nothnagel does not render claim 5 obvious.

4. Claims 6-10 are patentable over the combination of Phillips in view of Curtis et al. (US 6,594,472 "Curtis").

Claims 6-10 depend from claim 1. Phillips, Ford, and Curtis all fail to disclose or suggest a housing with a bottom shell having a unitary keypad interface that is sealed to the bottom shell and that has conductive areas that interface with contacts on

the telephone circuitry. At least for this reason, claims 6-10 are patentable over the combination of Phillips, Ford, and Curtis.

5. Claim 11 is patentable over the combination of Phillips, Ford, and Curtis further in view of Carlson et al. (US 5,241,592 "Carlson").

Claim 11 depends from claim 1. Carlson fails to supply the features missing from the combination of Phillips, Ford, and Curtis, of a bottom shell of a housing, having a unitary keypad interface as described in claim 1. Therefore, claim 11 is patentable over the combination of Phillips, Ford, Curtis, and Carlson.

6. Claims 12-17 are patentable over the combination of Phillips, Nothnagel, Curtis, and Ford.

The combination of Phillips, Nothnagel, Curtis, and Ford fails to disclose a bottom shell with a unitary keypad with conductive areas, as recited in claim 12. Therefore, independent claim 12 and dependent claims 13-17 are patentable over the combination of Phillips, Nothnagel, and Curtis.


7. Claim 18 is patentable over the combination of Phillips, Nothnagel, Curtis, and Ford in view of Carlson.

Claim 18 depends from claim 12. The cited combination fails to disclose or suggest the bottom shell with unitary keypad interface as claimed for all the reasons stated above. Therefore, claim 18 is patentable over the combination of Phillips, Nothnagel, Curtis, Ford, and Carlson.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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